

Bennington, Feb 19, 1854.

My dear Sister

I have attended Church all day and will now seat myself to write to you. I was very much pleased to receive your very interesting letter and hope you will favour me with another very soon. How do you all do at home? It seems an age since I have heard from home. I have not heard from Lydia since she wrote me in H. I always feel very anxious if I do not hear once a week, I always feel afraid that some of you are sick. - I suppose Lydia is in Boston today. I presume she enjoyed her visit in H. very much. I wished myself there also. Have you been to Springfield yet to see Everett? - I have been expecting by every letter to hear that your sister Sarah was sick. It is about time, is it not? - Mrs Alfred Whittemore has been quite sick with a bad humour similar to the Erysipelas although the Doctor did not call it by that name. She is getting better. The little Hall girls came in here one afternoon and I read them Anna's letter. Ally said she wished she could write, she would write Anna a letter. What is the news in H? I get considerable by the Hingham Journal; I should think Charles Stone would look odd now without the Post Office. It is not quite so convenient now, is it?

There is some talk of getting up a tea-party here to aid in
getting a carpet for the Church. I do not know whether they
will succeed or not. I have not met with the Society this
Winter. Abby has it at her house next time. I think I
shall attend. Have you much snow in Hb? We have a plenty
and can spare you a little. I do not get many sleigh rides
nowadays. Have you had many? - I wish I could take a trip
home and see you. I want to see you all dreadfully. I suppose
Charley is real cunning. Lydia wrote me about his saying
"You are the Grandpa for me". I suppose Grandpa was highly
pleased. Do you attend the Lyceum Lectures? It is almost
time for them to close I should think. The Winter is almost
gone and I for one am not sorry. I never wished for Spring
more. I do not like cold weather. I think I feel best in good warm
weather. - Does Catharine Crosby sing at Mr. Richardson's or Mr.
Stearns Church? I heard some time since that she had
been invited by Mr. S. Society but never knew whether she
accepted. I never thought she was a very remarkable singer
and was quite surprised when I heard of it. She needs
the salary I suppose. - How do you get along at home? Have
you become used to your new home? I should admire to look
in upon you, and see just how you look if it seems natural
&c. Give my love to Mother and tell her I want her to
write me very soon, My love to Father Charles and Anna and
reserve a large share for yourself. Will you excuse this miserable
uninteresting letter for I really have so little news to write I
have to scribble anything which comes into my cranium so do
excuse it, will you? Tell Anna I should like very much to hear

from her soon I hope you will write again soon Joanna I
should be very happy to have you. Give my love to Mrs. Jones
Frank sends love to all. - I must not say Good Bye
With much love from Sarah. -

Written by
Sarah Jones Wilder to
her sister Joanna Wilder (Love)